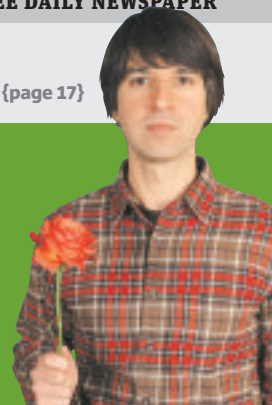


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Bloomberg law aims to put smokes out of sight, lungs

► New law says business owners must keep tobacco products in 'concealed locations' ► Bill hopes to curb young people smoking ► Would also establish a minimum price per pack {page 04}



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Do you really need to calm your baby?

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Soaking up the sun in St. Maarten

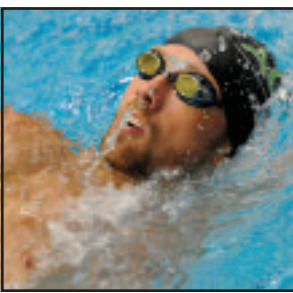
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Tenant. Horror stories



► Laurence Lau shows off his damaged ceiling. The residents of 143 Ludlow St. filed a lawsuit against the building's developer, citing 145 housing-code violations that include collapsed ceilings and worrisome walls. {page 02}

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Tenants detail 'nightmare' landlord stories

► Resident accusations range from poor living conditions to violence ► Flooding, holes in walls and collapsed ceilings ► New York City keeps a list of the worst landlords in the five boroughs

And you thought your landlord was bad. Residents around the city are battling their landlords in court cases, from alleging purposely awful conditions to refusing to fix things. In some cases, landlords are even accused of violence.

One recent lawsuit began this month in the Lower East Side, where residents are suing the developer of their building, saying he is trying to force them out by creating horrible living conditions.

Residents of 143 Ludlow Street filed a lawsuit against the building's developer this month, citing 145 housing-code violations like collapsed ceilings and worrisome walls.

The suit, which was filed by the Urban Justice Center's Community Development Project, accuses the developer, Samy Mahfar, of trying to drive out rent-stabilized residents by hazardous conditions.

Mahfar told Metro he was not trying to drive out tenants.

"That allegation is absolutely false," he said.

Mahfar said all problems they know about have been fixed, including upgrades to the building like a new boiler and



► The residents of 143 Ludlow Street have filed a lawsuit against the building's developer.

roof.

But residents cited collapsed ceilings, electrical fires and flooding that left soggy apartment walls.

"The worst of the worst landlords don't respond to anything but court cases," said Brandon

Kielbasa, an organizer with the Cooper Square Committee, which co-filed the lawsuit.

Mary Ellen Bizzarri, 32, a teacher who has lived in the building for eight years, described a hole in her wall as "soft"

Bronx residents struggle in housing court

A new report released last Friday by the Community Action for Safe Apartments and the Urban Justice Center's Community Development Project reveals that Bronx tenants face hurdles to avoid eviction.

The report charges that housing court is too confusing for most tenants to navigate on their own, without an at-

83%

About 83 percent of tenants did not have a lawyer, according to the report.

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"Navigating the Bronx Housing Court system has been the most confusing, humiliating and challenging experience," tenant Carmen Vega-Rivera said in the report.

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► The ceiling of Mary Magdalene Serra's ceiling at 143 Ludlow Street is beginning to come apart.

Quoted

"This landlord has been just egregious and criminal, and the whole time he's been cashing our full rent check."

CARINE MONTBERTRAND

Quinn's speech

► Christine Quinn highlighted problems with landlords in a February speech about the middle class, promising to modernize the city's housing code so that landlords cannot avoid fixing problems like leaking pipes.

"Landlords have ways of retaliating that are very scary," said Stephanie Rudolph, staff attorney at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.

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Other landlord lawsuits

Kielbasa's group was also involved in a lawsuit regarding an East Fourth Street building where the landlord was sued about a year ago.

The building's landlord was taken to court when fire alarms, the intercom and front doors were broken, he said. By the time

they made it to court, some of the violations were taken care of: They "pay attention" to court orders, he said.

In January, the city's worst landlord as ranked by Public Advocate Bill de Blasio got rid of three buildings it owned. College Management, which owned three buildings on College Avenue, was ranked No. 1 on de Blasio's



► Falling plaster

Worst Landlords Watch List. The company had more than 700 infractions under its belt, including toxic mold, rats and holes in the walls.

Many landlords have not fixed apartments wrecked during superstorm Sandy, Noh said. In many cases, problems were present before the storm, and the hurricane exacerbated them. Landlords often argue that they were not caused by the storm, Noh said.

Garrett Wright at the Urban Justice Center recounted a Bronx landlord they sued. In this case, the

super made death threats against tenants. The lawsuit argued that the landlord was liable for the super's conduct.

Conditions in the building were also awful, residents said. The court appointed an independent administrator to take over the building, which is trying to evict the super a year after the case was filed.

► METRO/AB

In the news

Rep. Maloney endorses Speaker Quinn

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney has endorsed City Council speaker Christine Quinn for mayor, despite criticism of Quinn's refusal to call a vote on a paid sick leave bill.

Rep. Maloney acknowledged her disagreement with Quinn but insisted that "this is New York and people don't always agree" and it's necessary to "look at the whole picture."

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In the news



Twitter founder wants to be mayor of NYC

Twitter founder Jack Dorsey said during a profile on "60 Minutes" that he would like to be mayor of New York City.

Dorsey has previously cited Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a fellow billionaire, as a role model.

Bloomberg has admiration for Dorsey as well.

"Few people have been as successful at innovating — and implementing — as Jack Dorsey," Bloomberg told Forbes.

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Bloomberg law aims to hide smokes from view

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► The mayor's new anti-smoking law would require that cigarettes be sold in a drawer, under the counter or behind a curtain.

A new anti-smoking law proposed by the mayor would require vendors keep cigarettes in "concealed locations."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's policy states that, unless in the process of restocking or a transaction, sellers must keep tobacco products in cabinets, drawers, under the counter or behind a curtain.

Stores would still be allowed to advertise or display product and price information.

The Sensible Tobacco Enforcement bill was motivated by studies indicating that youth exposed to cigarette displays are more likely to start smoking and become addicted.

New York City would be the first in the nation to employ such a policy, but similar prohibitions implemented in Iceland in 2001 and Canada in 2005 have reportedly already been associated with "substantial declines" in youth smoking.

The bill is also intended to cut down on discounted and smuggled cigarettes. The city touted the propos-

al as something that "would help honest retailers compete."

It would establish a minimum price at \$10.50 per pack and applies to both cigarettes and little cigars.

By the numbers

► In 2011, **28,000** NYC public high school students tried smoking for the first time.

► About **19,000** NYC public high school students under the age of 18 smoked.

► Seeing tobacco-product displays frequently makes youth **2.5** more likely to start smoking.
► A March 2013 Vital Signs report from the Health Department found that **80 percent** of NYC tobacco retailers have most of the area behind the checkout counter de-

Expensive to smoke in NYC

Cigarettes are more expensive in New York City than anywhere else in the country due to federal, state and local taxes. An estimated \$250 million to \$600 million is lost annually in unpaid taxes from cigarette trafficking in the city.

voted to tobacco displays.
► That stat jumps to **86 percent** in "high-risk neighborhoods," compared to 79 percent in other areas.
► About **59 percent** of NYC residents, including **41 percent** of smokers, favor keeping tobacco products out of sight.

It also would impose packing requirements on cheap cigars and cigarillos, mandating that they be sold in packages of at least four, and little cigars in packages of at least 20. Cigars that cost more than

\$3 are exempt.

The Department of Finance has the authority to close stores that violate the law.



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Fire commissioner's son resigns after offensive tweets

The FDNY commissioner's son has resigned from his job as an EMT after a reported string of offensive tweets.

Joseph Cassano, the son of FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, reportedly quit his job with the Emergency Medical Service on Monday. He had tweeted offensive comments about Jews and African-Americans, according to the Daily News.

His Twitter account has been suspended, according to its page.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg reportedly called the messages "offensive" at a Monday press conference.

Cassano had tweeted about hating his job in messages that recall getting kicked by a drunk person. One message



► FDNY EMS

read, "had to carry a 275 pound guy down 5 flights of stairs....my job is the worst," according to the Daily News.

"I am extremely disappointed in the comments posted online by my son Joseph, which do not reflect the values — including a respect for all people — that are held by me, my family and the FDNY," Commissioner Cassano said, according to the New York Post.

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In the news

Suspects wanted in Brooklyn, Queens robberies

Cops are searching for two men who are wanted for three recent robberies and one attempted robbery in Brooklyn and Queens.

In each of the incidents, the suspects enter the location, display firearms and demand cash. They have targeted two Caribbean Air Mail stores and a variety store in Canarsie.

The most recent incident occurred March 15 at Caribbean Vision, located at 218-83 Hempstead Ave., in Queens Village. The suspects fled without money.

Both suspects are black males in their 20s. Anyone with informa-



► The suspects

tion should call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS. ● LAURA SHIN

School bus and livery cab crash in Astoria

A yellow school bus and a livery cab collided yesterday on Grand Central Parkway in Queens.

The bus was spun from the force of the collision, which occurred near the 31st Street exit in Astoria.

Three people were on the bus at the time of the accident, Eyewitness News reported. The driver was being treated for injuries that were not considered serious. ● METRO/LS

Firefighters battle three-alarm blaze

Firefighters battled a fire early Monday morning at a commercial building in Lower Manhattan.

It was the second fire that had broken out at the location in less than 24 hours. A four-alarm fire tore through 140 Fulton St. on Sunday morning. Firefighters spent the day putting the fire out, but another fire broke out at the same building just before 2 a.m. on Monday.

No injuries were reported on either day. Monday's blaze went a second alarm at 2:25 a.m. and a third alarm at 3:39 a.m., the Wall Street Journal report-



ed. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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2 Number of fires at the building on Fulton Street within 24 hours

News in brief

Drunken driver arrested in fatal hit-and-run

A 19-year-old Queens man

was arrested Sunday after he crashed into a taxi on Grand Central Parkway, killing the driver. Ansumana Dukuly, 38, was driving at 3:20 a.m. when the driver of a 2001 Honda

sedan smashed into him, police said. Dukuly was pronounced dead at the scene. Roberto Depena fled the scene, but was later apprehended by police and arrested. **METRO/LS**

Adorable. Dog



► Lex is up for adoption at the E. 92nd Street ASPCA.

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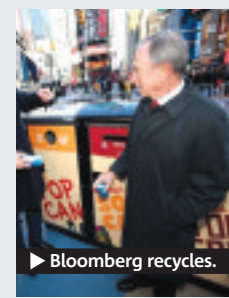
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News in brief

City tests new Times Square recycling pilot program

Now you have a place to recycle your Metro at the Crossroads of the World. Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a slew of new recycling spots in Times Square. The pilot program will bring 30 solar-powered recycling stations to Times Square. The receptacles will replace 53 trash bins. The heavily trafficked area generates 15,300 pounds of recyclable material each day, Bloomberg said.

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Supreme Court weighs Arizona's controversial voter registration law

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► People stand in line outside the U.S. Supreme Court for a chance to hear oral arguments.

Supreme Court justices voiced some skepticism yesterday about an Arizona law that requires people registering to vote in federal elections to show proof of citizenship.

The legal question before the nine justices is whether the voter registration provision of the 2004 state law, known as Proposition 200, is trumped by a federal law, the 1993 National Voter Registration Act, which requires prospective voters to provide one of several possible forms of identification, such as a driver's license number or passport.

Based on yesterday's oral argument, it was unclear how the court will rule, but a number of justices, including regular swing vote Justice Anthony Kennedy, raised some concerns about the law. A ruling is expected by the end of June.

Several justices said the basic registration form required under the federal law was intended to make registering to vote relatively straightforward. Kennedy said the "whole utility" of having one registration form is lost if it is made too complicated by states requiring additional information. **REUTERS**

Law of the land

- The federal law requires no proof of citizenship. Would-be voters simply sign a statement saying they are citizens.
- Arizona maintains that the federal law does not explicitly preempt state voter registration laws and should therefore be allowed to stand. The state's lawyers say the state and federal law are not in conflict and can, in fact, work in unison.
- Lawyers for the plaintiffs say the state law is in conflict with the federal law because it conditions acceptance of the federal application form upon compliance with the state's regulations.
- Arizona, which shares a border with Mexico, has a reputation for passing tough anti-immigration laws that have brought it into conflict with the Obama administration.

UN vs. NRA

Arms trade talks draws ire

Negotiators from around 150 countries gathered in New York yesterday for a final push to hammer out a binding international treaty to end unregulated conventional arms sales, a pact that a powerful U.S. pro-gun lobby is urging Washington to reject. The U.S. says it wants a strong treaty. But Obama is under pressure from the NRA to block the pact. The group has vowed to torpedo the convention's Senate ratification.

REUTERS

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The world spends billions on naval ships, tanks, handguns and assault rifles.

Labor leader



Obama nominates Tom Perez for labor secretary

President Barack Obama yesterday nominated Tom Perez, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, as labor secretary — a job that would give him a key role in Obama's efforts to raise the minimum wage and reform immigration laws. Perez, 51, is the only Latino nominated to Obama's second-term Cabinet so far. He is expected to face opposition from some GOP senators. **REUTERS**

Battery of tests

Boeing subjects 787 to more rigorous probing

To get its 787 Dreamliner flying again, Boeing Co. is testing the plane's volatile battery system to a rigorous standard that the company helped develop — but that it never used on the jet. Boeing's decision has thrust an arcane standard known as RTCA to the center of the debate over whether Boeing and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration were rigorous enough when they originally

set standards for the 787 battery system in October 2007. **REUTERS**



One 787 battery, served extra crispy

Bombs found after apparent suicide at UCF main campus

The University of Central Florida closed its main campus in Orlando yesterday morning while police investigated an apparent suicide and a number of bombs found in a residence hall, the school said.

Campus police received a fire alarm and then a 911 emergency call "regarding a man with a gun" early yesterday morning, according to the university, which is one of the largest in the United States.

When police officers arrived, they found the body of a male student with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound and closed the seven-story residence hall. Police found a handgun, an assault weapon and a bag containing explosives in the student's room, said university spokesman Grant Heston.

Classes were canceled yesterday morning but resumed at noon, university officials said. Yesterday



► The University of Central Florida is one of the largest colleges in the United States.

500

Students live in the Tower 1 dormitory

was the first scheduled day of class after spring break, students said.

The Orange County Sheriff's bomb squad was on campus, and the FBI was assisting the university's police department.

Heston said the dead student lived in a suite

with three roommates and that it was unclear what he planned to do with the weapons.

Residents, some wrapped in blankets or in sleepwear, were sent to another building on campus for food and counseling. Other dormitories were not evacuated.

Kathryn Wood, a 21-year-old junior from West Palm Beach, said she heard the fire alarm shortly after midnight, grabbed some money and went

next door to a pizza restaurant to eat and wait the situation out.

A police officer with the biggest gun she had ever seen dashed into the restaurant and ordered everyone to leave immediately, Wood said. "It scared us all."

Students were first sent a block away across the main campus loop road, then told to move back farther, to the student center, Wood said.

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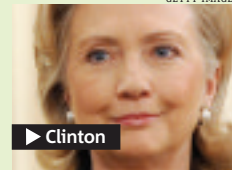
Text alerts

► 2:09 a.m.: Police sent students a text-message alert that the residential Tower 1 dormitory, home to about 500 students, would be evacuated due to a "suspicious death."

► 2:46 a.m.: Police reassured residents that there was no threat.

In the news

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► Clinton

Hillary Clinton backs same-sex marriage

WASHINGTON. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, said yesterday that she backs marriage rights for gay Americans.

In a video for the gay rights advocacy group Human Rights Campaign, Clinton said she supports gay marriage "personally and as a matter of policy and law."

"[Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender]

Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones, and they are full and equal citizens

and deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage," Clinton said. REUTERS

GOP aims to rebrand party, attract voters

WASHINGTON. After months of infighting over what went wrong for them in the 2012 elections, Republicans yesterday outlined a broad plan to attract racial minorities, women and young voters — and shed their image as a "narrow-minded, out-of-touch" party of "stuffy old men." Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus used those words, and more, in an unusually frank assessment of the party's failings in November, and what it must change before the 2014 elections.

Priebus said GOP policies were sound, but he portrayed a party that had been outmaneuvered strategically and that had sometimes appeared intolerant of women, minorities and others. REUTERS

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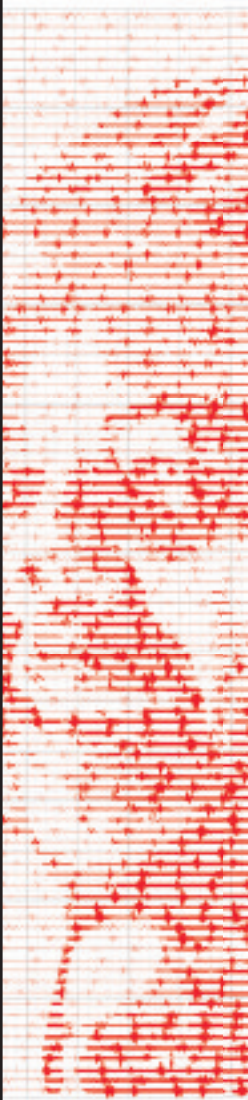
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Francis' inaugural Mass will straddle religion and politics

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► A journalist speaks in front of St. Peter's Basilica on the eve of Pope Francis' inaugural Mass at the Vatican.

The Vatican was preparing for a huge crowd for Pope Francis' inaugural Mass today, an event straddling religion and politics that will bring together European royalty, heads of state and world spiritual leaders.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to cram St. Peter's Square and surrounding streets for the Mass to formally install Francis as the new leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics.

The crowd may be the biggest in Rome since more than 1.5 million people came to the city for the beatification of the late Pope John Paul II on May 1, 2011.

The Vatican said six sovereigns, including from

1.5M

**People came to Rome
for the beatification
of the late Pope John
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Belgium and Monaco, will be among the leaders of more than 130 delegations.

One significant attendee will be Bartholomew I, the ecumenical patriarch of Orthodox Christianity, the first time a spiritual leader of world Orthodoxy will attend a papal inaugural Mass since the East-West Schism of 1054.

It will be attended by more than 30 delegations representing other Christian Churches as well

as representatives of the world's Jewish and Islamic communities.

Vice President Joe Biden and other Western leaders will be in the same VIP section on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica with Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe, who is technically infringing on a European Union travel ban.

Mugabe has been banned since 2002 because of allegations of vote rigging and human-rights abuses, but the Vatican is not part of the European Union, allowing him to bend the rules.

The Vatican does not issue invitations for such events, instead saying they are open to representatives of all nations. **REUTERS**

Zimbabwe's Mugabe travels to Vatican for inauguration

Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe slipped into Italy yesterday for the inauguration of Pope Francis, and officials went to some lengths to play down the technical infringement of a European Union travel ban on Africa's oldest leader.

Mugabe, who has been under the ban since 2002 because of allegations of vote rigging and human-rights abuses in Zimba-

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► Robert Mugabe

bwe, was whisked straight from his plane to the Rome airport terminal in a black van, together with his wife, Grace, and bodyguards.

Although the airport is on Italian territory, the 89-year-old president was met by a priest who said: "On behalf of Pope Francis, welcome to the Vatican, welcome to the Holy See." He was then taken to a hotel on the famous Via Veneto.

"The Holy See informs everyone that this event is taking place. There are no invitations. There are no privileges and no one is refused. While one country may have problems with someone else, we invite no one. This must be made clear," a Vatican spokesman said. **REUTERS**

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Questions, few answers await Obama during Mideast visit

President Barack Obama is due to make his first official visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories this week, looking to improve ties after sometimes rocky relations with both sides during his first term in office.

Obama is not expected to come with any new Palestinian peace initiative and will spend most of his time in Israel, the closest U.S. ally in the Middle East, where he will make a keynote speech to hundreds of students.

The American president will hold separate talks with both Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who finally formed a new coalition on Friday after a January election that weakened his grip on government.

Netanyahu last year set a "red line" for Iran's nuclear



► A Palestinian activist sticks an Obama poster with a slogan in central Ramallah.

The Iran bomb

Israel and the United States agree that Iran should never get a nuclear bomb, dismissing Tehran's

repeated assertion that its atomic program is peaceful. However, the two allies are at odds over how fast the clock is ticking down on the need for preventative military action should diplomacy fail.

clear program, saying the Islamic Republic should not be allowed to obtain 530 pounds of 20-percent-enriched uranium. Israeli

officials have warned that this tipping point could be reached by the spring or summer of 2013, although experts believe Iran has

since slowed its stockpiling of 20-percent-fissile uranium to ward off the threat of attack.

Obama said on March 14 that Iran was still more than a year away from developing a nuclear weapon and repeated his assurance to Israel that military force remained a U.S. option.

Israeli officials, who see Iran's nuclear advances as an existential threat, make no secret of the fact that they would prefer to see the U.S. military, with its greater firepower, tackle Iran's far-flung atomic installations. Tehran is improving its defenses and Israel worries that sooner rather than later Israeli warplanes will not be able to destroy this infrastructure. This would mean its own military option would be off the table, leaving Israel utterly reliant on Washington.

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Some say devil on TV looks like president

Could it be ... Satan? The devil (played by Mehdi Ouazzani) appeared on Sunday's edition of the History Channel miniseries "The Bible," currently a hit in the United States, and many say he looks an awful lot like a certain president. Twitter took notice, with

pundit Glenn Beck commenting: "Anyone else think the Devil in #TheBible Sunday on History Channel looks exactly like That Guy?"

The miniseries' creators responded, saying, "This is utter nonsense."

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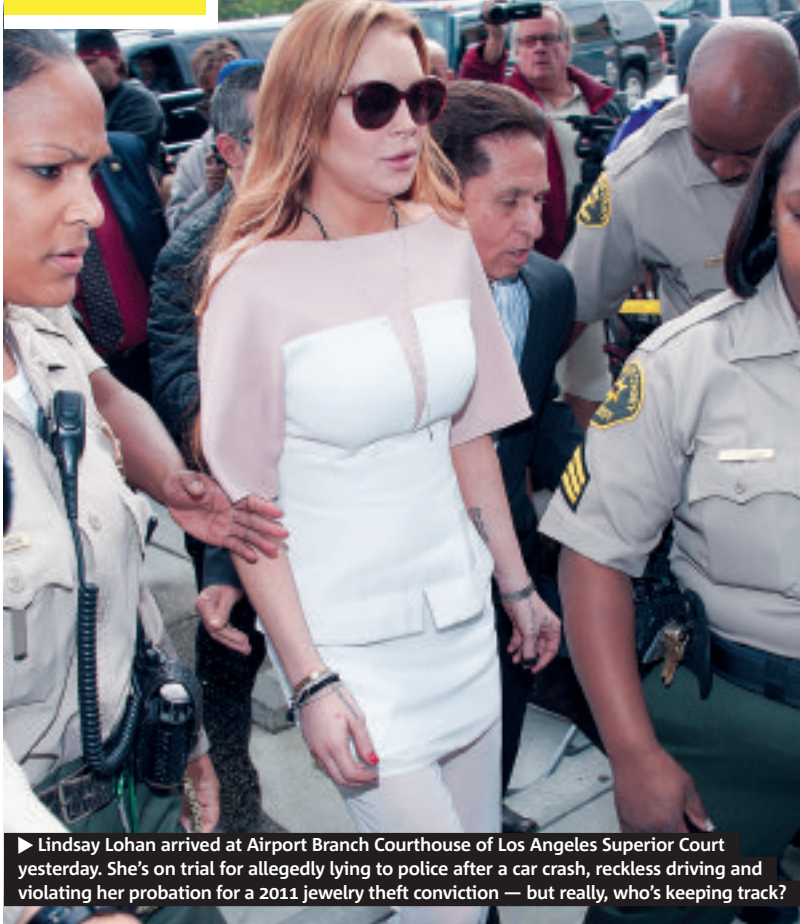
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— Dorothy Robinson will return on March 20.

Lohan. In court



► Lindsay Lohan arrived at Airport Branch Courthouse of Los Angeles Superior Court yesterday. She's on trial for allegedly lying to police after a car crash, reckless driving and violating her probation for a 2011 jewelry theft conviction — but really, who's keeping track?

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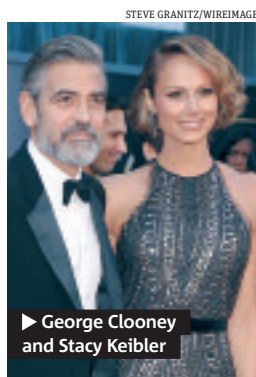
LiLo has her (umpteenth) day in court

Lindsay Lohan was, naturally, late to her latest court appearance yesterday in L.A. She was apparently scared to fly alone. Thankfully, an energy drink company by the name of Mr. Pink hooked her up on the company's private jet, *The Atlantic Wire* reported. Upon her arrival at the courthouse, someone threw glitter on the star, kind of like how people throw rice on brides as they exit the church — but we have a feeling this wasn't as celebratory an occasion.

Talking points

What breakup?

George Clooney and **Stacy Keibler** stepped out hand-in-hand for dinner in Berlin this weekend amid rumors that the couple's relationship is in trouble, according to *E!* News. Clooney and Keibler were dressed casually and were joined by **Matt Damon**, who joined them after dinner at the Soho



► George Clooney and Stacy Keibler

House. Clooney is in Berlin filming *"The Monuments Men."*

Paltrow talks miscarriage

Gwyneth Paltrow has considered having a third child, but one very traumatic experience from the last time she and husband **Chris Martin** tried — which resulted in a miscarriage — is giving her pause. "My children ask me to have a baby all the time. And you never know, I could squeeze one more in. I am missing my third. I'm thinking about it," Paltrow tells the *Mail* on Sunday's

Attention: Please give these stars privacy

Usually, when two celebs get together, they want to keep things on the down-low. Who needs the blinding flash of a camera in the midst of courtship, amiright? Well, not new couple **Lindsey Vonn** and **Tiger Woods**. They're so happy you're curious about their relationship that they just released a statement acknowledging it and posed for a portrait session, like all couples do. Oh, you didn't release a statement and photos when you started dating your beau? Huh.

"I guess it wasn't a well-kept secret but yes, I am dating Tiger Woods," Vonn, a pro skier, wrote on Facebook Monday. "I don't plan on addressing this further as I would like to keep that part of my life between us, my family and close friends."

Woods also took to his website on Monday to address the breaking news: "Something nice that's



happened off the course was meeting Lindsey Vonn. Lindsey and I have been friends for some time, but over the last few months we have become very close and are now dating. We thank you for your support and for respecting our privacy. We want to continue our relationship, privately, as an ordinary couple."

So you announce to the world that you're dating, and then follow it up with a request for privacy: This sounds like a page out of the **Gosselins'** *Handbook* for Media-Whoring. And if this is an attempt to get us to look past Woods' cheating scandal, I don't buy it. Tiger, be warned: If you screw up this time, your new blonde can come after you with a ski pole.

You magazine. "But I had a really bad experience when I was pregnant with my third. It didn't work out and I nearly died. So I am like, 'Are we good here or should we go back and try again?'"

'Twilight' creator feels for Robsten

"Twilight" creator **Stephenie Meyer** says she feels some guilt for the circus that has taken over the lives of stars **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson**. "If they

had the choice, I've no idea if they'd even do 'Twilight' again. I just don't know. I think this has all come at a heavy price," Meyer tells Britain's *the Times* magazine. "I just don't think they enjoy the parts [of fame] that other people would. And I totally get that, because it would not be my thing either. At the same time — and this is where the guilt comes from — it's created this nice, peaceful place for me. They took all of my heat."

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lindsay Lohan is traveling in style, Elizabeth Hurley is tired of the racket, Dana Delaney is feeling clean enough and Pamela Anderson has had quite the travel schedule.

@lindsaylohan

Thanks Mr. Pink for the private jet see you all in a few hours in LA

@ElizabethHurley

My parrot Ping Pong is barking loudly, while throwing in the odd 'Be Quiet'....

@DanaDelaney

I have washed my face at least 41,610 times in my life. Might skip a day.

@PamelaDAnderson

Bye Bye London-Dubai- Luxembourg-Dusseldorf-Geneva-Basel-London- Missing home-my boys, dogs and the beach



Pamela Anderson



Two sexy men and their guitars

1: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band got down — down under — during a concert in Sydney on March 18.

2: Justin Timberlake took the stage for a surprise SXSW show in Austin, Texas, on Saturday.

3: Gerard Butler stopped by a San Diego Naval Base on Saturday for a quick visit and preview of his new movie "Olympus Has Fallen."

4: The Jazz in the Gardens lights reflected off of **Bobby Brown's** shiny jacket in Miami Gardens, Fla., on March 16.

5: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge attended the Irish Guards St. Patrick's Day Parade in Aldershot, England, on Sunday.

7: Carrie Underwood crooned at London's O2 Arena during the Country To Country Festival on March 17.



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JWoww elongated her frame alongside Snooki at the GLAAD Media Awards on March 16 in NYC.



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And yet there's something eerily familiar about the setting of Ariel



Djanikian's debut novel, "The Office of Mercy."

"I think there's something traditionally, deeply American about the postapocalyptic book — we're a forward-looking people in general," says Djanikian, a Philadelphia native and 2004 University of Pennsylvania graduate who now calls North Carolina home. "Things change fast now, and I think there's a desire to see where we'll land. There's a lot of historical fiction that's popular right now that seems like the reverse, but it's probably



► Author Ariel Djanikian penned "The Office of Mercy."

symptomatic of the same desire to find universal themes — either in a past or a future. Putting a story in a different time kind of quiets the noise and lets you look at people and emotions."

Like most utopias, America-5 is not quite the all-inclusive resort it appears to be. As an employee of the Office of Mercy, 24-year-old Natasha is tasked with euthanizing

the unfortunate nomads who roam outside the community's walls — which seems compassionate enough until she's sent on an eye-opening mission above ground by bosses who are clearly not familiar with Young Adult novels and their feisty heroines.

Despite the bleak future she's imagined, Djanikian doesn't necessarily think humanity is doomed. But she does hope readers stop and think about what, exactly, constitutes a disaster. "I think it's more the job of a novel to say how things could be rather than how things should be," she says. "It's up to readers what they want to be horrified by and what they don't want to accept."

On the genre

Although Djanikian didn't write her novel for a specific audience, she's happy to be included in the Young Adult genre. "So many of them have such a compelling story," she says of YA books. "There's been a lot of books recently with strong female leads, people we can get behind. There was this fear that the computer generation wouldn't be reading as much, but that's just not the case."

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She didn't stop worrying and love the bomb

► Sally Potter's 'Ginger & Rosa' goes from female adolescent friendship to nuclear apocalypse freak-outs ► Child star Elle Fanning continues to shine in her teenage years

Not every coming-of-age saga opens with footage of Hiroshima being nuked. But not every coming-of-age saga is directed by Sally Potter. The English filmmaker is bold, not afraid to appear pretentious or annoying. Her biggest hit, 1992's "Orlando," dared to tackle Virginia Woolf, dragging the purely literary into the film medium with a swagger, plus the perfect ageless androgynous (Tilda Swinton, natch). 2004's affair saga "Yes" forced its ac-

tors (Joan Allen among them) to speak in iambic pentameter. But the mushroom cloud opener is the craziest moment in "Ginger & Rosa," a film not always easy to ID as the work of an iconoclast.

Talented child star Elle Fanning continues her seamless transition into slightly older roles as Ginger, a bookish, red-haired 13-year-old who's besties with the more free-spirited Rosa (Alice Englert, Jane Campion's daughter). It's 1962

London and Ginger, born (like Potter) in the wake of WWII, has never learned to stop worrying and love the bomb. As Rosa finds other distractions — including Ginger's extremely dedicated bohemian father (Alessandro Nivola) — Ginger latches onto the looming threat of nuclear war, turning into a nascent radical who quotes Bertrand Russell.

Though it initially appears to be the latest in a long run of films on adolescent female friendship,



► Alice Englert and Elle Fanning play besties in the 1960s in "Ginger & Rosa," out now.

If you go

'Ginger & Rosa'

Director: Sally Potter
Stars: Elle Fanning, Alice Englert
Rating: PG-13
Grade: **100%**

Rosa gets the short straw, soon disappearing into the sprawling supporting cast as Ginger's bomb woes become more febrile. What seems to be a fleeting concern, not shared by her

mom (Christina Hendricks) nor even her revolutionary adult friends (including Timothy Spall and Annette Bening), starts to consume her life. Hysterical freak-out sessions ensue and a descent into madness begins.

Potter doesn't quite go right along into the brink with her, which is a touch shocking: If any subject would seem to inspire a hooky, if questionable, Potter gimmick it would be the emotions of teenagers — particularly

ones living in the wake of a potential apocalypse. But she holds back, relying on short scenes, period details and her actors. This is the most accessible, least divisive film she's yet made — and yet let down your guard and it still has the capacity to surprise you, as it does with its beautifully abrupt capper. It begins like the Potter of old and ends like her, too.

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Review

'Upside Down'

Grade: **80%**
Filmmaker Juan Solanas' pricey English-language European production boasts a ridiculous premise,

the kind that likely sounded simple in theory but requires tedious explication in practice. Mega-earnest Jim Sturgess plays Adam, a moony-eyed dreamer who lives on a planet with "double gravity." Adam is in love not with Eve but Eden (Kirsten Dunst), a girl from the world above him who conveniently loses her

memory of their chaste trysts. There are many handsome images, e.g., an all-white office with endless rows of cubicles on top and bottom. But the plot is slender and our lovers never click: Dunst looks (justifiably) bored, while Sturgess emotes enough for at least three star-crossed lovers. **METRO/MP**

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To keep from worrying about really big stuff

After Demetri Martin left New York for California a few years ago, he realized the reason he does the thoughtfully silly type of comedy he does.

"I would go for these long beach walks, and bring my notebook, day-dreaming and writing," he says. "I do like going for walks and kind of escaping, which is probably why I don't do a lot of topical material, if any: I just don't feel as inspired by any of that. But it was this beautiful day and I was walking home and it was like the end of the day and it was sunset and there was hardly anybody on the beach. The ocean

was on my left, I had flip-flops in my backpack

"I do remember, as a kid, Gary Larson being one of my first favorite things that I found funny."

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Point your face at this: Demetri Martin needs to think of silly things to keep him from feeling existential angst.

and the water was hitting my feet and I remember thinking, 'I'm gonna freakin' die!' I got all the distractions away, all the New York stuff that keeps me from worrying about really big stuff, so I had to escape into some stupid line drawings or jokes or whatever, because it's just kind of too much."

The tools he uses to hold his existential crisis at bay enable his audience to also stop thinking about mortality.

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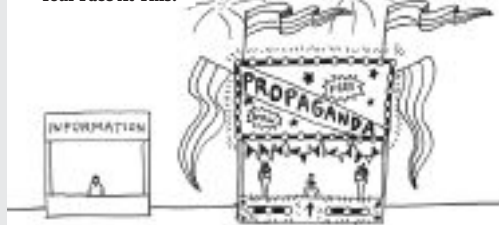
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"Point Your Face at This" is a compilation of these self-described "stupid line drawings" that mine a similar life-affirming absurdity as the "The Far Side."

"I do remember, as a kid, Gary Larson being one of my first favorite things," says Martin. "I used to just pop into the bookstore and not have any money to buy anything, but I would just flip through a 'Far Side,' probably like a lot of kids, and just think how funny they were. And it was an interesting experience, to look at something on a page — often something without words — and find it funny. There was something so powerful about that for me."

Martin is humble about his skill as an artist, how-

These are the types of drawing you'll find when you "Point Your Face At This."



Drawing the line

Though "Point Your Face at This" features the sort of drawings that Martin has been injecting into his stand-up for years, his current show does not feature extra emphasis on drawing. He says although he likes to dabble in drawing, music and

longer-form writing, stand-up is still his first love.

"Stand-up is so fun because you get immediate feedback," he says. "You can think of stuff and improvise it right there on-stage, or think of it earlier in the day and then you get to say it and see what the audience thinks."

ever, saying he doesn't think his drawing is on par with that of Larson.

"A lot of my stuff, I think there's a simplicity to it, whether it's by design or just the best that I can do," he says. "It's funny how your style often is re-

ally just the upper limits of your own effort. I know people who are kind of virtuosos and style for them is a different thing: It's a conscious choice. But for me it's like, 'Here's the best I can do with where I'm at right now.'"

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10 Trends from Fall '13

After four grueling fashion weeks — New York, London, Milan and Paris — we distilled the biggest themes that came down the runways. Here's what you can expect to wear.

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Back to black

1

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Azrouel

In NYC, one message was clear: Fall is going to be all about wearable items. And let's face it, nothing in your wardrobe is more versatile than black. It's no surprise, then, that the color ruled the runways.

Plays on texture

2

Chanel

Forget clothes in plain wool or cotton — designers used luxurious textured fabrics such as high-shine pony-hair, wooly alpaca and quilted leather to add a layer of interest to their fall looks.

Menswear inspired

3

Sportmax

Borrowing from the boys has been popular for the past few seasons. Designers further explored the trend for fall with slouchy trousers and tailored suiting.

Oversized coats

4

Stella
McCartney

Besides the tremendous amount of fur on the runway (is PETA still doing its job?) there was another ubiquitous outerwear trend: coats in oversized proportions and exaggerated cocoon shapes.

Pink gets its day

5

Blumarine

The color pink gets a bad rap as an uncool girly-girl shade — but that's about to change. Come fall, expect to see standout items in every permutation of the hue, ranging from soft blush to bold fuchsia.

A lady in the house

6

Rochas

For those of you who don't do androgyny, feminine staples such as peplum tops, full skirts with longer hemlines and pencil skirts with cinched jackets gave collections a polished, ladylike feel.

Plaid

7

Givenchy

Whether you go '90s grunge a la Saint Laurent or the more formal route with houndstooth and Prince of Wales checks, as shown at Tommy Hilfiger, expect to be part of the plaid parade.

Winter white

8

Giambattista
Valli

People anxious about getting side eyes for wearing white in the cold seasons can finally put that fear to rest. Designers showed full looks in dreamy pale shades.

Embellishments

9

Lanvin

The decoration was especially in-your-face, with shimmer on top of crystal on top of metal on top of feathers. No matter what your trimming of choice is, there was an option to choose from on the runway.

High slits

10

Prabal
Gurung

Are all the safe, wearable clothes putting you to sleep? Skirts and dresses with slits up to there added a sexy jolt to the fall shows.



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A Miyazaki without the (literal) magic

► The latest film written (but not directed) by retired 'Spirited Away' animator Hayao Miyazaki forgoes his usual fantastical creatures for an earthbound story ► Of course it still (mostly) works

Animation legend Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away"), who officially retired after 2008's "Ponyo," has long used fantastical elements to ruminate on the same few homespun themes: a yearning for the simplicity of the past as it's crushed by the new; technology's encroachment over nature; the beauty of hand-drawn cel animation over the coldness of its computer-generated counterpart. These are all present in the latest post-retirement Miyazaki product which, like last year's "The Secret World of Arrietty," features his name on the screenplay credit and boasts a look and feel that are unmistakably his.

The only difference: no fantastical elements. Historically, Miyazaki has



► "From Up on Poppy Hill" is the latest film written by retired animator Hayao Miyazaki.

couched his pet concerns in bizarre creatures and mutating narratives. "From Up on Poppy Hill" is Miyazaki stripped of the actual, if not the figurative, magic. Does a Miyazaki (or

an almost-Miyazaki) still work without the cat buses or deer gods? Of course it does, because his films, no matter how outlandish, always have a deep foundation in matters right here

on Earth.

A magic-free Miyazaki does, however, lack some necessary vitality. Set in relentlessly homey seaside Yokohama in 1964, it's the kind of small town micro-

cosm where the adults are too laid-back to motor a plot, leaving adolescents to hatch mini-dramas. Umi, 16, is in love with Shun, a fiery poet who's opposed to the threatened demolition of the school's dilapidated club house. The discovery that the two may be related provides an unusual twist — Umi's naval father, who perished at sea, may also be Shun's — but "Poppy Hill" is not a film about narrative but about the small-town feel.

The low stakes are part of the charm of a film where the biggest subplot involves saving a building (and all without putting on a show to raise funds). Even if Miyazaki's son Goro did the directing, it has the feel of an august work by an artist with nothing

If you go

'From Up on Poppy Hill'

Director: Goro Miyazaki

With the voices of: Sarah Bolger, Anton

Yelchin

Rating: PG

Grade: B+ B- C+ C-

left to prove, who merely wants to revel in the leisurely pace of the past. It's also one of those films — like certain late Ozus or Robert Altman's "Prairie Home Companion" — with pockets of grandfatherly depth that only become apparent on repeat viewings, when narrative is no longer a concern.

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Motherhood with a bit of 'ooh la la'

► Catherine Crawford chronicles the European way of parenting in her new memoir ► She says that children don't need to always have mom and dad around ► They can fend for themselves



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When Brooklyn mom Catherine Crawford began to feel as if her kids were running the household, she and her husband began an experiment in French parenting. The more hands-off French method focuses on rules and boundaries between children and adults. Her memoir, "French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting," chronicles her family's experience with "la vie française," and how it transformed their lives. Crawford learned plenty about American culture,

childrearing and family dynamics.

Your "a-ha" moment occurred during dinner with French family friends — as you were about to bolt out of the room to tend to your crying daughter, your friend said, "If there is no blood, don't get up." Why was this moment so significant for you?

Throughout the evening, I had been in awe all night of my friends' children. They didn't seem to need the same amount of attention, and they were extremely courteous. My daughter was freaking out about something and my instinct had always been to get up and run. My daughter calmed down. She figured it out on her own, which we don't let children do enough.

What changes did you



make after that?

My husband and I defined rules. We said, "You're children. Daddy and I are grown-ups and we're not the same." I had to explain to them that they didn't get a say in everything. I realized I was always trying to fit into my children's world, whereas I never made them adapt to mine.

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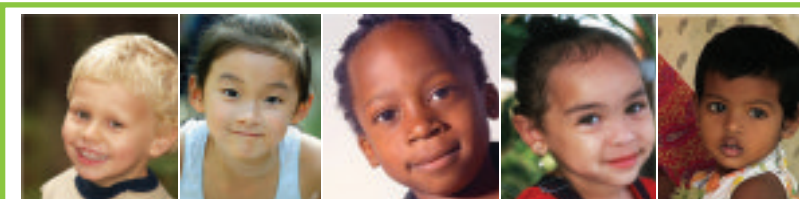
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It provided a little relief for everyone. One of the best changes was in the way they related to each other. All of a sudden, they were a team. If mommy or daddy laid down a rule they didn't like, they had each other to commiserate with. They play together so much more now.

What are some of the things American parents are doing right?

American parents encourage individuality. I didn't want to squash that in my kids. Our kids are boisterous, and I like that. There is a nice middle ground between the American and French examples.

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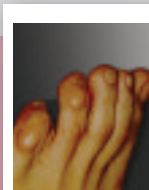
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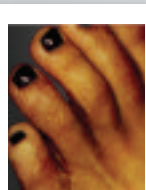


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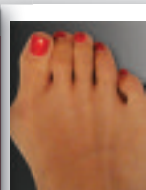
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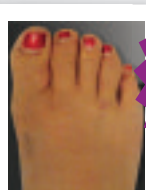
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Despite evidence, parents' fears of HPV vaccine grow

More parents of teen girls not fully vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) intend to forgo the shots altogether — a trend driven by vaccine safety concerns, new research suggests.

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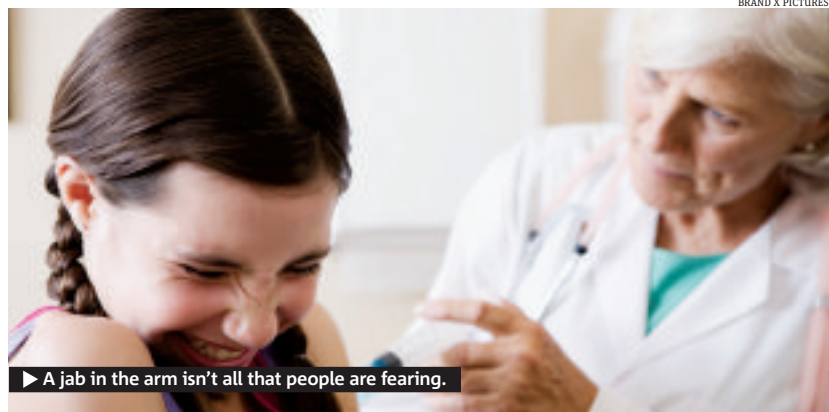
"There were a lot of very sensationalized anecdotal reports of [girls] having bad reactions to the vaccine," says pediatrician and vaccine researcher Dr.

Amanda Dempsey from the University of Colorado Denver.

"Safety concerns have always risen to the top of the pile, in terms of being one of the main reasons people don't get vaccinated, which is unfortunate because this is one of the most well-studied vaccines in terms of safety and is extremely safe," Dempsey, who wasn't involved in the research, tells Reuters.

Researchers led by Dr. Paul Darden from the University of Oklahoma got their data from a national survey that involved phone calls to almost 100,000 parents. They found that about three-quarters of girls ages 13 to 17 were not up to date on their HPV series in 2010. And the proportion of parents of those girls who said they didn't plan to get

their daughters the rest — or any — of their HPV shots rose from 40 percent to 44 percent, the research team wrote yesterday in Pediatrics. **REUTERS**



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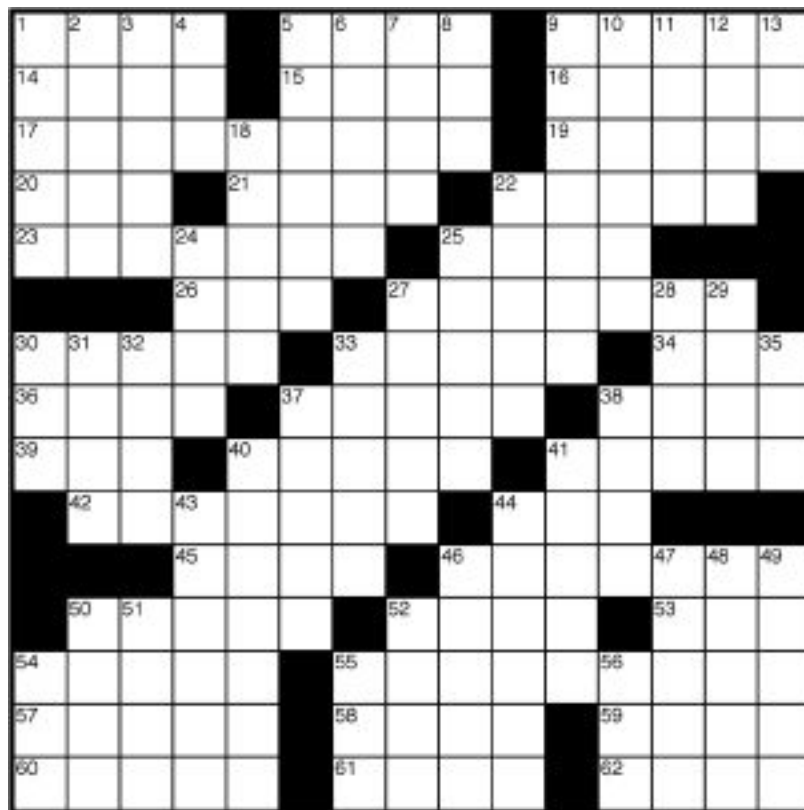
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♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Our close friends often have a strong influence on us, and you're no different. If your companions have poor judgment, you're likely to follow them down a blind alley.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Disappointment is likely if you expect your co-workers to do certain jobs, duties or responsibilities that were assigned to you. You should either be self-reliant or offer to do something that will turn them in return.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You're still not out of the woods when it comes to a financial obligation, so continue to be prudent in the management of your resources. Don't take the approach of solvency

as a sign to spend.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.**

Wanting to be your own person is credible, provided you're not overly insistent. Don't make everyone else miserable by only having it your way.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because you've based your evaluations on logical assumptions, your conclusions have been pretty accurate so far. Don't start to rely upon instincts or emotions that could be misleading.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There's no accounting for the surprises of kindness, but it isn't likely that you'll get something from someone whom you've refused to help in the past.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You can make a good impression on another if you act natural and be yourself. Conversely, if

you attempt to convey an image that is false, you'll get bad reviews.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It won't be enough to just feel compassion if a friend comes to you for help. You need to help in ways that put substance behind your sentiments.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.**

When with a group of friends, don't think they won't pick up on your longings to be elsewhere if you can't simply enjoy the moment. Relax or leave.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Do not allow yourself to be put in a position where someone else is making decisions for you. You need to be your own boss for a while.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though your restlessness could be rather severe, don't ignore your work or responsi-

bilities. There will be ugly consequences.

♈ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although your heart might be in the right place, you might, in actuality, be too wasteful and ineffective to utilize your resources smartly.

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Letters

Someone's pouting, but it's not Obama

RE: "PETULANT PRESIDENT CLOSES WHITE HOUSE" (METRO, MARCH 18) President Obama was not "petulant" or expressing hatred in connection with suspension of White House tours, as letter writer John E. Bevan suggests. The Secret Service budget was cut by the stupid sequester. They had to prioritize. The tours require Secret Service personnel. Cutting the tours saves a lot of money.

A. J. MIKOSKY, VIA E-MAIL

John E. Bevin claims Obama shouldn't have closed children's tours of the White House. I beg to differ. Now the children can go to class and be taught a real lesson. Like the GOP-controlled Congress would rather give tax breaks to millionaires/billionaires than provide food and shelter for the homeless, medical care for the elderly and veterans or funding for class trips to the White House.

ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

John Bevan displays a common misunderstanding of what's happening here. The Budget Control of 2011, passage of which was the Republican's ran-

som for not causing a national default, imposes a 10 percent reduction in expenditures on all federal agencies. This reduction is across the board and nondiscretionary, which means the White House has no choice but to cancel tours. Sorry, John, but the only thing this sorry state of affairs confirms is that the GOP is determined to do maximum damage to the administration, regardless of the damage done to everyone else.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Don't persist with dogged stereotypes

RE: "8 TYPES OF WORKPLACE 'BITCHES' AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM" (METRO, MARCH 18) The word "bitch" is too often used to label headstrong women in positions of power. Sure, there are people in this world who exhibit the personality traits mentioned. But I don't see articles on powerful men with the same stereotypical labels blindly thrown their way. Frankly, Metro's "adaptation" came off as spiteful and sexist. There is some good advice on how to deal with difficult people, but was it really necessary to have comments like "The screamer bitch cries for attention" or "[The narcissist bitch] doesn't care about the good of the company"?

BELINDA LESTER, VIA E-MAIL

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On the water

Sailing aficionados should visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of billowing sails dotting royal-blue water. The event promises "serious fun," with parties every night and dancing in flip-flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Though that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing bottom.

Practice your French

Shop around the market at Marigot, the capital on the French side, browsing rows of wares like delicate seashell jewelry or bags of Caribbean spices. At night, it becomes a bustling spot to grab dinner with menus in French as boats bob in the marina, their masts glowing in neat rows.



For Caribbean seafood and embarrassed Americans

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For avoiding tan lines

Stop in at clothing-optional Orient Beach, filled mostly with tourists applying sunscreen in sensitive places. The nearby bar boasts pictures of naked patrons and icy drinks you can sip (clothed) while watching parasailers glide over the turquoise sea.

For an East Coast fix

For the surreal experience of a Manhattan-ambience steps away from Caribbean waters, stop in at, Bamboo Bernies. The restaurant boasts a sleek design and high-end sushi like the Sexy Salmon Roll, with eel.



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For filling your suitcase
Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow roads and pop into the numerous jewelry stores. Also a must? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the national liqueur but also a guava colada. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colorful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

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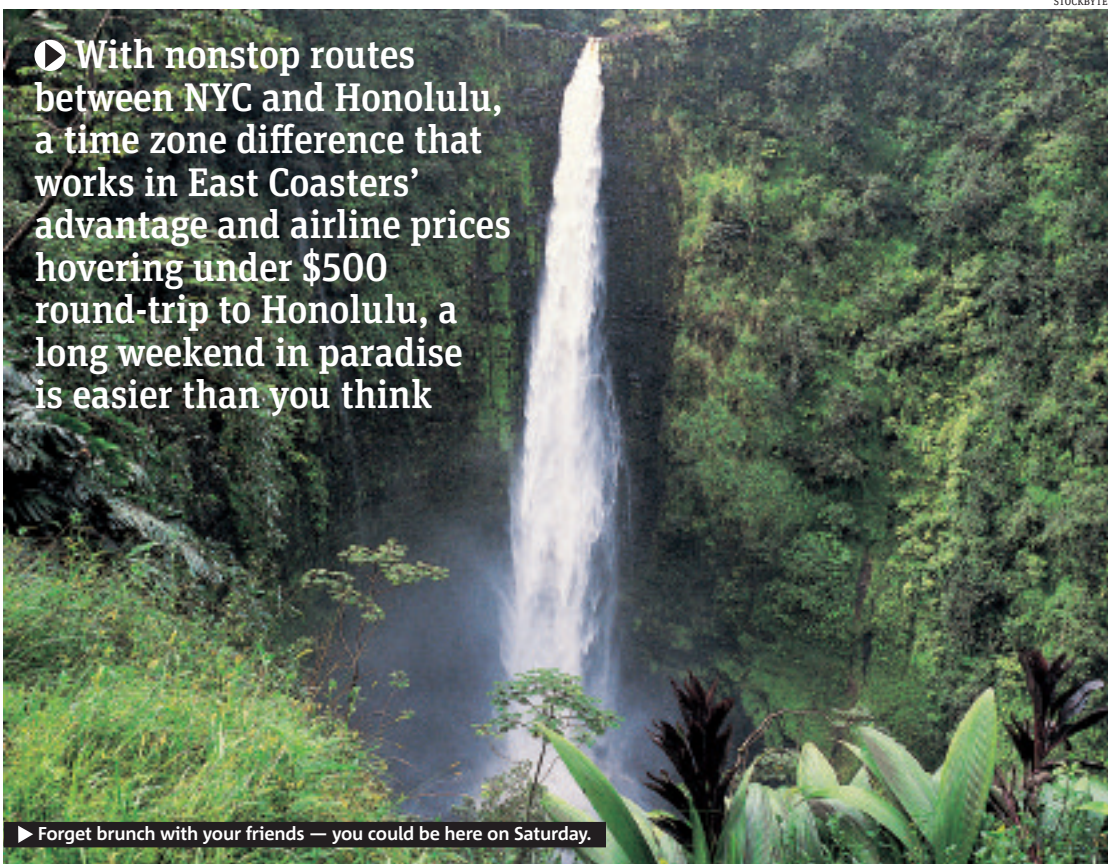
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Instead, enjoy your introduction to the tropical breezes of Hawaii. After checking into your Waikiki hotel, dip your feet in the warm Pacific waters. Walk to Duke's, a popular surf-themed beach bar and restaurant, where you can sip a lava flow cocktail, grab a bite and listen to music on the torch-lit patio.

Day 2: Hike, snorkel and sail

Get an early start by driving over to Diamond Head to climb to the top of the extinct cinder cone. From there, continue east to Hanauma Bay, Oahu's premier snorkeling spot. The protected cove is home to a huge variety of marine life, and you're likely to

spot colorful reef-dwellers.

As evening rolls in, a great way to unwind is to hop on one of the many sunset catamaran cruises that ply the waters off Waikiki.

Day 3: Take an island Tour

Strike out early in your rental car, taking the Pali Highway through the Koolau Mountains. Oahu's famous North Shore will soon unfurl in front of you. For surf fanatics, this coast is a mecca of famous breaks; in winter you can beach-hop down the highway to check out famous waves, from Sunset Beach to Pipeline to Waimea Bay. In the summer the water's much calmer, and beaches like Shark's Cove offer superb snorkeling.

Before heading back to the South Shore for the

night, be sure to check out charming Haleiwa town. After a long day at the beach, a shaved ice at Matsumoto's is the perfect treat.

Day 4: Waikiki, Pearl Harbor or Manoa Valley

Before you bid goodbye to paradise, soak up some final Hawaii fun. You can spend the morning shopping in Waikiki or try a surf lesson on the beach. Hikers can head to Manoa Valley for a quick trek to a 150-foot waterfall. If it's your first trip to Oahu, pay a visit to Pearl Harbor.

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NYU student invents new technology to stop bleeding

Joe Landolina won't be getting a summer vacation from college this year. The third-year student at New York University's Polytechnic Institute has invented a gel that can be used to stop bleeding. This summer, he'll be busy marketing the product, called Vet-Gel, to veterinarians and preparing the process of gaining FDA approval to use the gel on humans alongside his business partner, NYU Stern School of Business graduate Isaac Miller. We asked Landolina how Vet-Gel has changed the game.

How did you get into medical engineering?

When I was a kid, I was always very interested in medicine and wanted to be a doctor. But my grand-



► Joe Landolina talks about his product, Vet-Gel, at the American Veterinary Medicine Association conference.

father owns a winery and he was always showing me the chemical processes. I became interested in the molecular side of medicine, like how each thing in your body does what it does.

How did the idea of Vet-Gel come about?

When I got to NYU's engineering school, I had this idea: What if you could take something that was liquid and turn it solid using chemistry? I realized

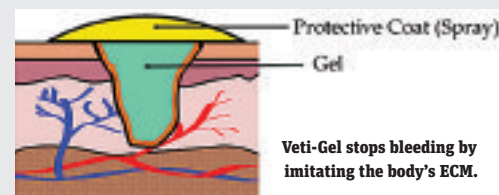
if you could take that and apply it to a bleeding wound, it would turn into a solid mass. I wondered: Could that stop bleeding? So then you founded your company, Suneris?

With that very basic idea, I

What is Vet-Gel?

"Your cells don't fit together cell-to-cell — it's called an extracellular matrix," Landolina says. "If you put Vet-Gel into a wound, it

recognizes the existing ECM that's already there and replicates and builds onto it. It instantaneously stops bleeding and is also biocompatible, so your cells can grow into it and it helps wounds heal faster."



Vet-Gel stops bleeding by imitating the body's ECM.

pitched at a Stern competition in 2010, and that's where I met Isaac [Miller, CEO of Suneris]. We have all the approval and prerequisites to use Vet-Gel in the vet industry. We're going to talk to distributors

and doctors this summer. We'll do testing to do a 510(k) [FDA clearance] request to use it in the military or ambulances.

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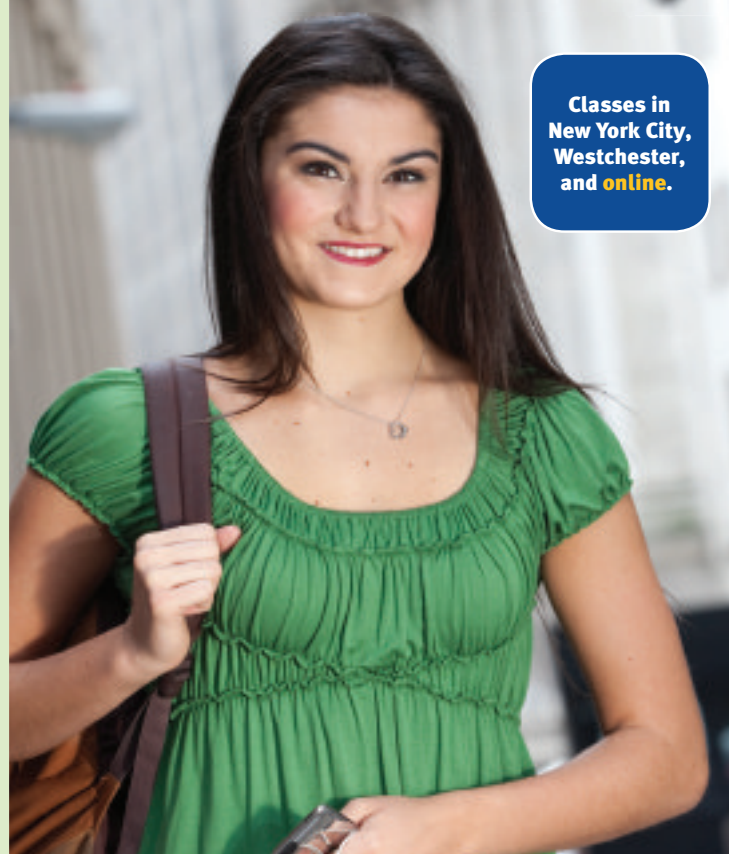
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▶ Rangers enforcer looking forward to return ▶ Spent time on ice yesterday as he nears comeback ▶ Blueshirts need scoring too

The Rangers' "two steps forward and one step back" season has led to speculation the organization may look to make personnel changes, most notably the persistent rumors right wing Marian Gaborik is on the trade block.

However the team is soon to receive an addition, and it won't cost a player off the roster.

Arron Asham skated yesterday morning and told reporters afterward he felt "pretty good."

"It felt better today than it did [last week] in Winnipeg when I skated. If everything goes [well] it's just a matter of getting into game shape. Once I'm ready for that, I'll be ready to come back."

Brought in to replace

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Brandon Prust, Asham has played in 12 games this season. He has one goal and 17 penalty minutes due to lingering back spasms.

The Rangers are 4-7-1 without Asham.

"Just making strides to get better and better, and get back. I can still feel it [but it's] nothing that I can't play through," Asham said. "It hasn't been fun sitting in the stands watching the team go through up and downs. I want to be in there and do my part."

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▶ The bruising Asham hasn't played since Feb. 19, but he sounds nearly ready to return.

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In the news



St. John's opens NIT at St. Joe's

St. John's missed out on the Big Dance after a poor close to the season, but they will be in the NIT.

They face St. Joseph's tonight (7 p.m., ESPNU) as a No. 5 seed in the tourney. It is the Red Storm's record 28th appearance in the event.

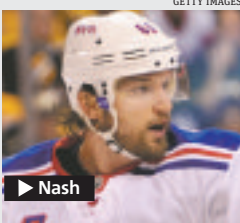
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Rangers search for more offense

The addition of Rick Nash to a team that finished the 2011-12 regular season with the most points in the Eastern Conference was supposed to bolster an

offensive attack and help the Rangers reach their first Stanley Cup final since June 1994.

Instead, a season-long inability to score goals had the Rangers in 10th place in the conference entering last night's home game against



▶ Nash

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the Hurricanes and suffering from a crisis of confidence.

"Our team saw every good offensive play they could see today," head coach John Tortorella told reporters in his pregame press conference. The 63 goals the Rangers have

scored this season are second fewest in the NHL. "It's trying to get some sort of confidence in themselves."

Equally concerning is that there isn't much time to salvage the season. They trail No. 8 seed Carolina by three points. ● METRO/DG

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HEAT (51-14)

The Heat went into Monday night's game against the Celtics literally forgetting how to lose. With 22 wins in a row this season, Miami is just waiting to prey on post-season victims. Problem is, it's all or nothing when it comes to the play-offs.



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THUNDER (50-17)

Metro was burned by the Thunder last week when they lost badly to the Spurs. Two big back-to-backs are ahead: home against the Nuggets and away against the Grizzlies.



NUGGETS (45-22)

Denver jumps up three spots. A gritty win over Memphis earned Denver its 11th straight victory. The Heat may laugh at just 11 in a row, but everyone out West knows Denver is legit.



GRIZZLIES (44-21)

Memphis suffered two tough losses on the road in Denver and in Utah. Those are two of the toughest places to win, but if this team has title hopes they need to win those.



CLIPPERS (46-21)

The Nuggets beat the Grizzlies, who beat the Clippers. Therefore, the Nuggets would beat the Clippers. That's our story and we're sticking to it.



SPURS (51-16)

San Antonio continues to kick adversity square in the face, but at some point adversity will kick back harder. Unless, of course, Tony Parker can return in time to save them.



PACERS (40-26)

Things aren't going as planned for Indy lately. Exhibit A: Philly's Spencer "Abdul-Jabbar" Hawes racked up 18 points, 16 rebounds, eight assists and seven blocks Saturday.



ROCKETS (36-31)

The Rockets have a couple days to think about their painful 30-point loss to the Warriors. Hopefully for them, they're over it by tomorrow night when they face the Jazz.



CELTICS (36-29)

They could actually be the second-best team in the Eastern Conference, which isn't really saying much when you consider just how bad every non-Miami team is.



HAWKS (37-29)

The Hawks have three straight wins, including the Lakers and Nets. They are pesky. They'll put up a fight, but ultimately, they'll come up very short in the postseason.



LAKERS (36-32)

Mike D'Antoni is clearly having an effect on Kobe Bryant. Bryant couldn't believe Dahntay Jones played defense on him, which led to him landing on Jones' ankle.



NETS (38-28)

The Knicks are begging the Nets to take the division, but the hipsters in Brooklyn are way too into being "up and coming, man." That's just fine with the Celtics.

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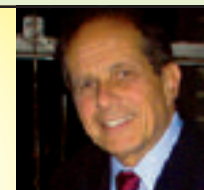
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Sports in brief

Jets near deal with Barnes

NFL. Free agent pass rusher Antwan Barnes tweeted yesterday he had a deal with the Jets and was looking for-



► The Jets have been courting Barnes since the free agency period began last week.

ward to joining the franchise. And then he immediately took that back.

"Wait a minute ... not official yet ... in talks now," he said on Twitter.

Nonetheless, it does appear Barnes will be getting a deal done with the Jets.

Barnes, 28, spent the past three seasons in San Diego and played under Rex Ryan when he was a mem-

ber of the Ravens. His best season came in 2011 when he had 11 sacks.

● **MARK OSBORNE**

Kraft bashes Welker's agents

NFL. Patriots owner Robert Kraft called out Wes Welker's agents yesterday for costing his team a chance at resigning the free

agent receiver.

"Everyone in our organization wanted Wes Welker back," Kraft said. "I really believe in this case, his agents misrepresented, in their minds, what his market value was."

Welker signed with the Broncos last week. ● **METRO**

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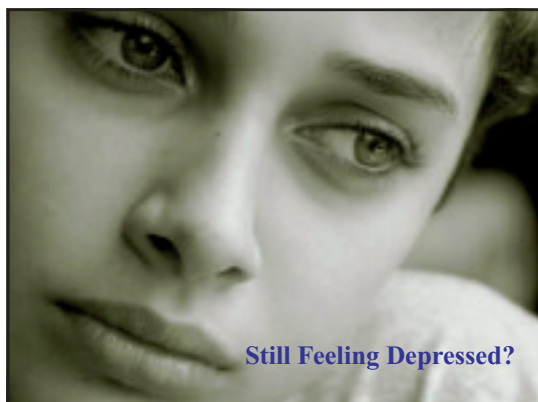
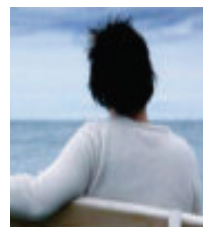
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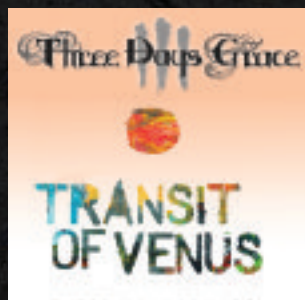
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